

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

Est. 1917 – ARRL Affiliated 1919

Meetings: Last Thursday of each month except July, August and December at 7:00 pm in the basement of Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 N. Mayfair Road (north of Capitol Drive, west side of street) south entrance. Handicapped accessible.

Meetings are open to all (no license required)!

New hams, not yet licensed, old timers – all are welcome!

Meetings consist of a brief business meeting and a program dealing with various aspects of amateur radio, electronics, and more. Coffee, soda, and snacks are available at meetings. There is a raffle of electronics related materials and free magazines and books.

Two meter repeater: W9RH on 145.39 MHz -600 KHz 127.3 Hz PL. Coverage from Sheboygan south to the Illinois state line

Field Day: Participates in the annual “Field Day” emergency preparedness exercise and contest. The only collaborative Field Day in the area with Milwaukee Area Amateur Radio Society – MAARS and Gateway Technical College Radio Club.

Friday night 10 meter sideband net: on 28.490 MHz USB at 8:00 pm

Friday night 2 meter FM net: W9RH repeater - 145.39 MHz -600 127.3Hz PL at 9:00 pm

Newsletter: *Hamateur Chatter* is produced monthly. Covers local ham activities, club and meeting news, and more.

Hamfest: Every February (operated in partnership with MAARS)

FM Simplex Contest: Every February Sprint style FM contest on 2M, 70cm, 6M, 1-1/4M

After Hamfest Dinner Party Meeting is dinner celebrating holidays, hamfest, FM Contest

Auction: May Meeting is an auction open to everyone with no fees charged!

Picnic: Every August (in partnership with MAARS)

Ham radio license exams: MRAC founded and supports the MRAC-VEC one of 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VEC) in the US. They operate testing sessions for all classes of amateur radio licenses on a regular basis and charge the lowest testing fee. (Check web site for latest testing schedules and information)

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club Inc.

[One of the oldest, continuously active radio clubs in the world]

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In continuous operation since January 1917

Why should you belong to a radio club?

If not for radio clubs there might not be: Hamfests, amateur satellites, balloon launches, DX-Peditions, on-air contests, special event operations, license classes, license testing, repeaters, public service events and more.

Why should you belong to the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC)?

- Longest / oldest ARRL affiliated club (December 1919).
- Held meetings weekly, almost weekly, monthly.
- Only club in area with published history (and supporting documents and photos).
- Organized or assisted in ARRL Section, Division, and National Conventions (including the first Central Division Convention).
- MRAC members have been county ARES Emergency Coordinators, state ARRL Section Managers, ARRL Division Directors, even ARRL officers.
- Since its founding in January of 1917 MRAC has held training in electronics and CW as formal classes, informal pre-meeting groups and even on the air.
- Participated in public demonstrations of amateur radio at fairs, malls, museums, and more.
- Published a nationally distributed magazine format newsletter (1920s).
- Has had members located in all 50 states.
- Operates regular nets on various bands.
- First Amateur Radio communications vehicle in area (1950s).
- Involved in the formation of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service.
- Built the equipment, installed in local Police stations, and operated the War Emergency Radio Service during World War II.
- Sponsored the Wisconsin QSO Party (1950s / 1960s).
- Formed the Milwaukee Florida Net.
- Formed the CQ3TUE Luncheon.
- QSL manager for 2 Amateur Radio Aboard Space Shuttle (SAREX) operations.
- Formed the only VEC based in Wisconsin (one of only 14 operating in the country).
- First electronic newsletter delivery in area.
- Operated in every ARRL Field Day since its creation (1933). Currently is the only local club which operates Field Day in conjunction with other local clubs (MAARS and Gateway Technical College Radio Club).
- Organizes the FM Simplex Contest every February.
- Holds auctions longer than any club in the area (growing from raffles during the 1920's).
- Publishes a monthly newsletter (see the web site).
- Operates a Yahoo group for club members.
- Operates an annual hamfest in partnership with another area club (MAARS).
- One of the tenants (supplying some of the equipment) of the Community Repeater Site.
- Operates a repeater covering 10+ counties (with an antenna at 750 feet above ground and full emergency power).